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SUBJECT: CYPRUS MIL EXERCISES: TURKS HAVE NO EXERCISE PLANS

REF: A. ANKARA 2145

[B](#). NICOSIA 603

[C](#). STATE 81500

(U) Classified by Pol-Mil Counselor Stuart Brown. Reasons
1.5 (b) and (d).

[1](#). (C) On April 7, in response to Post's follow up on Ref A, acting MFA Cyprus Department Head Barkan Oz contacted polmiloff with an update on Turkey's intentions regarding the spring Toros I exercise in Cyprus. Oz said that he had confirmed with the Turkish General Staff that Turkey has "no planned exercise" in Cyprus this spring. He added that the only planned Turkish exercise on the island would be in the fall, but that it was still too early in the year for decisions on it now. He reiterated that Turkey would mirror whatever the Greek/Greek Cypriot side did. He said that if Alexandros/Olympos were to take place, the GOT would "evaluate it and take a corresponding position."

[2](#). (C) Comment: The Turks do not seem aware that Alexandros took place on February 3-7 as a command post exercise with no troops deployed (Ref B), nor did we seek to inform them. Inasmuch as the Greek/Greek Cypriot side considers its spring exercises concluded, we can expect the Turks to stick to not having plans for Toros I. End Comment.

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